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### CAREER OF PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

#### Senator Fairbanks of Indiana—A Positive Force in the Republican Party Since 1896.

The nominee of the republican party for President of the United States is of Dutch and Scotch-Irish ancestry, the paternal side of his house being of the purest Dutch. Theodore Roosevelt was the son of Theodore and Martha Roosevelt, and he was born in New York city October 27, 1858. He was the grandson of Cornelius Van Schaack and Margaret, and the great-grandson of John and Mary Roosevelt. His grandmother was a Barnhill, his mother was a Bullock, a southern woman whose home was in Georgia, and his great-grandmother a Van Schaack. Relatives abound in New York and vicinity, and they have been among the foremost citizens of that section since the first Roosevelt landed on the shores of Manhattan in 1624. This was Klass Martenson Roosevelt, whose wife was Jannetje Van Roosevelt. They reached the New Amsterdam from Holland in the year named. The first of the Roosevelts to land in this country was a burglar of the "major right," and his son Nicolas was an alderman of the most influential party in the city. The great influence of the family the male members espoused the side of the people in the contest of the colonies with the mother country. James I. Roosevelt, one of the ancestors, was a captain in the New York State Troop during the revolution.

#### His Early Career.

The President was frail as a boy and it is noticeable that most of his children are that way. His great physical vigor and splendid health were obtained by athletic and outdoor exercises and care and temperance in his methods of life. He is probably the finest physical specimen of a President the country ever had. Of the twenty-five Presidents who preceded him, not one could claim better health or greater vigor. Jackson, like Roosevelt, was a man of great courage, but he was frail and nervous. The President was such a weak boy that his parents concluded he would be unable to do the work of a President. When he was in New York city, which he first attended, and he was placed under private instruction at his home, where his studies were supervised by his father. As he grew older, however, he grew stronger, and when he was a vigorous young man, Theodore, he was a vigorous young man. He was tutored for admission to Harvard by Mr. Cutler, subsequently the founder of the Cutler School, and he graduated in time to enter Harvard and was one of the editors of the undergraduate journal, the Advocate. He was in the line of his work at an early age. He also became prominent in athletics in Harvard, and since he was a member of the athletic committee, he was in the line of his work at an early age. He also became prominent in athletics in Harvard, and since he was a member of the athletic committee, he was in the line of his work at an early age.

#### Entrance Into Politics.

Before he became a politician the President found himself absorbed in the question of purification of political and official life, and it was when a young man that he studied the application of civil service rules to executive administration. These studies were due to an open advocacy of civil service principles, and his scholarly and oratorical abilities enabled him to champion these principles in such a way as to attract general attention. The President studied law soon after he left Harvard, but he did not pursue it to the end. He graduated from Harvard he was elected an assemblyman from New York, and his legislative career was so brilliant that he was the candidate of his party for governor in the assembly in 1884. He was then only twenty-six years old. While serving in the legislature he was chairman of the committee on cities and of a special committee known as the Roosevelt investigating committee, which was charged with the principles of civil service at that early date. He was in the line of his work at an early age. He was in the line of his work at an early age. He was in the line of his work at an early age.

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The western delegates to the republican national convention which met at Philadelphia in June, 1896, forced the nomination of Governor Roosevelt as Vice President. It was at this convention that Governor Roosevelt made an eloquent speech in seconding the nomination of President McKinley as the republican nominee for President. In September, 1901, came the awful tragedy at Buffalo and the elevation of the Vice President to the presidency. Vice President Roosevelt entered into office as the twenty-sixth President of this country September 14, 1901, at the same time that the first of his cabinet officers, his immediate predecessor would be carried. In assuming the presidency he reappointed the entire cabinet of President McKinley, and he followed the policy of his predecessor in the respect of the managers and leaders.

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